their projected annual turnover. Banks have also been instructed to give preference to village industries, tiny industries and other small scale units in that order, while meeting the credit requirements of the SSI sector.

कृषि तथा ग्रामीण विकास बैंकों को बैंककारी विनियमन अधिनियम के अधीन लाने के लिए प्रस्ताव

893. **श्री जनार्दन यादव:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार सभी कृषि तथा ग्रामीण विकास बैंकों को बैंककारी विनियमन अधिनियम के अधीन लाने पर गंभीरतापूर्वक विचार कर रहे हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

वित्त मंत्री तथा कम्पनी कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम): (क) इस समय ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन नहीं है।

(ख) उपर्युक्त (क) को देखते हुए, यह सवाल पैदा ही नहीं होता।

भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम द्वारा परियोजनाओं के लिए वित्तीय सहायता

894. **श्री इकबाल सिंह:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम द्वारा पंजाब, हरियाणा, हिमाचल प्रदेश और उत्तर प्रदेश को विभिन्न परियोजनाओं के लिए वर्ष-वार कितनी वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की गई है; और

(ख) वर्तमान वित्त वर्ष के दौरान भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम किन-किन परियोजनाओं के लिए वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करने का विचार रखता है?

वित्त मंत्री तथा कम्पनी कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम): (क) सूचना अनुपत्र में दी गई है [देखिए परिशिष्ट 178, अनुपत्र सं० 25]

(ख) जीवन बीमा निगम राज्य सरकारों को समाजोन्मुख क्षेत्रों में परियोजनाओं के लिए, योजनात सहायता के अन्तर्गत ऋणों के रूप में सामाजिक आवासन स्कीमों के लिए जलापूर्ति और मल-निकास बोर्डों/नगरपालिकाओं को उनकी जलापूर्ति और मल-नि-कासी स्कीमों के लिए, राज्य बिजली बोर्डों और राज्य सड़क परिवहन निगमों को निधियां मुहैया कराता है।

Permission sought by Bank of America for opening New Branches

895. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bank of America has sought permission from RBI to open new branches at various places in India;

(b) if so, the proposed plans of opening of new branches in India;

(c) whether Government have accepted the proposals;

(d) which are the other foreign banks at present operating in the country;

(e) whether the Indian banks performance is very poor in comparision to foreign banks; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that Bank of America approached it in April, 1991 with a request to open three branches in India at Bangalore, Poona or Baroda and Hyderabad. RBI has further reported that the application has been kept in abeyance and it has yet to consider the Bank's application.

(d) As reported by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) the names of other foreign banks operating in India are given in the statement (*see* below).

(e) and (f) Owing to the geographical spread, branch network, customers profile, level of computerisation being different, performance of public sector banks and of foreign banks are not comparable.

Statement

The Names of other Foreign Banks Operating in India

Sl. No.	Name of the Bank
(1)	(2)
1.	ABN Amro Bank
2.	ABU Dhabi Commercial Bank Ltd.
3.	American Express Bank
4.	ANZ Grindlays Bank
5.	Arab Bangladesh Bank
6.	British Bank of the Middle East
7.	Bank of Tokyo—Mitsubhishi Ltd.
8.	Banque Nationale De Paris
9.	Bank of Ceylon
10.	Barclays Bank
11.	Bank International Indonesia
12.	Banque Indosuez
13.	Bank of Nova Scotia
14.	Bank of Baharain and Kuwait
15.	Citi Bank
16.	Credit Lyonnais
17.	Chase Manhattan Bank
18.	Commerz Bank
19.	China Trust Commerical Bank
20.	Cho Hung Bank
21.	Deutsche Bank
22.	Development Bank of Singapore
23.	Dresdner Bank
24.	Fuji Bank
25.	Hongkong Bank
26.	ING Bank
27.	Oman International Bank
28.	Mashreq Bank
29.	Sakura Bank
30.	Sanwa Bank
31.	Siam Commercial Bank
32.	Societe Generale
33.	Sonali Bank
34.	Standard Chartered Bank
35.	State Bank of Mauritius

Items earmarked for investments under Liberalised Scheme.

*896. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the items earmarked for investments under the liberalised scheme;

(b) how much investment, item-wise, has been thereupto March, 1996;

(c) whether any concrete study has been done to evaluate the extent of advantage accruing to the poorer sections of the society as a result of the liberalised economy; and

(d) if so, the exact findings thereof in terms of check on rising prices, generation of employment in rural areas, easy availability of consumer basic goods and extension of facilities in the social sectors, like health and education?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Direct Foreign Investment up to 51% foreign equity in 35 High priority industries, specified in Annexure III to the Statement of Industrial Policy in 1991, is permitted under an automatic approval route of the Reserve Bank of India. In all other foreign investment proposals, where the parameters for automatic approval are not met, prior approval of the Government is necessary.

(b) Information on foreign investment inflows, industry-wise, is given in the attached Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The strategy for accelerating growth and strengthening anti-poverty programmes have been pursued during the period of economic reforms by the promotion of broad based employment generating growth, enhanced plan outlays for poverty alleviation and social sectors such as health and education, and the building of social safety nets to cushion the possible